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**National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office in Newport/Morehead City Recognized
with a National Isaac M. Cline Award for their Outstanding Upper Air Program Ceremony
Planned for 9 AM Tuesday June 2nd, 2009**

The NWS Isaac M. Cline Awards are established to identify and recognize operational excellence of line employees in the delivery of products and services supporting and enhancing the achievement of NWS strategic and operating plans. Isaac Cline's long and distinguished career makes the use of his name appropriate for an award of which any National Weather Service employee could be proud.

The highest level Cline Award is the National NWS Cline Award. The Newport/Morehead City Office is being recognized at the national level for its outstanding upper air program. The office provided verified, consistent, high-quality, accurate upper air observations of various parameters supporting numerical weather predictions affecting global and hemispheric forecast guidance products. Peter Gabrielsen, Systems Operations Division Chief from NWS Eastern Region Headquarters, will be presenting the award to the office.

WHAT: NWS Newport Upper Air Isaac M. Cline Award Ceremony

WHEN: Tuesday, June 2, 2009
9:00 a.m.

WHERE: NWS WFO Newport/Morehead City, NC
533 Roberts Road, Newport, NC

WHO: Peter Gabrielsen, NWS Eastern Region Headquarters Systems Operations
Richard Bandy, Meteorologist-in-Charge, WFO Newport/Morehead City
Central Wills, Data Acquisition Program Manager, WFO Newport/Morehead City

Isaac M. Cline had a lengthy career in the U.S. Weather Bureau distinguished by his innovative forecasting, and his development of dissemination techniques, combined with outstanding public service efforts. The most noteworthy and most difficult time of Dr. Cline's career came during the Galveston hurricane of 1900, the deadliest weather event in the history of the United States. His acute understanding of concurrent weather conditions, his skillful predictions, and the heroic actions he took to ensure the hurricane warnings got out surely saved many thousands of lives.

On the Web:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: <http://www.noaa.gov>

NOAA National Weather Service WFO Newport/Morehead City: <http://weather.gov/mhx>